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Second Judge of the First Instance

Nueva San Salvador

I, Fernando Sanchez, Consul of the United States of America in El Salvador, refer to Case # 5, of 1981, initiated with the Justice of the Peace of Nuevo Cuscatlan, with the object of investigating the death of an unidentified man.

The Attorney General of the Republic has requested in that case the exhumation of the body of an unidentified man, found in the place called "Plan de Lopez" in the jurisdiction of Nuevo Cuscatlan, whose remains are buried in the Municipal Cemetery of Nuevo Cuscatlan. With reference to this, I respectfully request that said remains be turned over to me for the purpose of taking them to the United States in order to determine if they are those of U. S. citizen John J. Sullivan, with the understanding that if they are not his, the remains will be returned.

San Salvador, February 16, 1983.

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February 17, 1983

No. 304

Mr. Fernando Sanchez
Consul of the United States of America
San Salvador

Dear Mr. Sanchez:

With respect to your request presented yesterday, I have the pleasure to inform you that this Court, in my charge, has ordered the exhumation of the remains of an unidentified man, a procedure which will be carried out tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. in the Municipal Cemetery of Nuevo Cuscatlan, belonging to my jurisdiction.

Said remains will be released to you, in conformity with what is said in the aforementioned request, to be examined in the United States of America to try to determine if they are those of the disappeared journalist John J. Sullivan. The transfer [to the U.S.] can take place after fulfillment of the Salvadoran legal requirements regarding public health, which presentation of this note will facilitate.

The respective resolution has been done on the basis of Article 164, Clause 2, of the Penal Procedural Code.

At the same time, I must inform you that the forensic or medical specialist that examines said remains must deliver his report to the Criminal Judge or judicial authority of his domicile and that it will be this authority who certifies to us or who gives us the requested report, which will be sent by means of a writ which will be released through the Honorable Supreme Court of Justice of El Salvador.

Taking this opportunity to send my greetings.

Sgd. Dr. Francisco Rafael Guerrero
Second Judge of the First Instance

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Señor
FERNANDO SANCHEZ,
CONSUL DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA,
San Salvador.

Estimado Señor Sánchez:

En atención a su solicitud presentada el día de ayer, tengo a bien comunicarle que este Tribunal a mi cargo ha ordenado la exhumación de los restos de un hombre no identificado, diligencia que se efecturá el día de mañana a las 9:30 a.m. en el Cementerio Municipal de Nuevo Cuscatlán, perteneciente a la jurisdicción nuestra.

Dichos restos le serán entregados a Ud., conforme lo expresa en dicha solicitud, para ser examinados en los Estados Unidos de América y tratar de establecer si co-- rresponden a la persona del desaparecido periodista John J. Sullivan, traslado que podrá hacer previo el cumplimiento de los trámites legales salvadoreños en materia de salud pública, los cuales se le facilitarán con la presentación de esta nota.

La resolución respectiva se ha hecho con base a los dispuesto en el Art. 164 Inc. 2o. del Código Procesal Penal.

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Así mismo debo comúcarle que el forense o médico especialista que examine dichos restos debe rendir su informe al Juex Criminal o autoridad judicial de su domicilio y será esta autoridad quien nos certifique a nosotros o nos conteste el informe solicitado, el cual le será enviado a través de un suplicatorio que se librará por intermedio de la Honorable Corte Suprema de Justicia de El Salvador.

Aprovecho la oportunidad para saludarlo.

DIOS, UNION Y LIBERTAD.

JUZGADO SEGUNDO DE PRIMERA INSTANCIA NUEVA SAN SALVADOR

Dr. FRANCISCO RAFAEL QUEREJERO A.
Juez 2o. de Primera Instancia